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In re Application of  
Deborah Chrisman et al  
Application No. 10/034,369  
Filed: December 28, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. S0595.0078/P078

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 29, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed October 8, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). The amendment submitted on January 13, 2004, did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance as noted in the Advisory Action mailed February 9, 2004. Therefore, as no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a continuing application was timely filed, extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 9, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee); (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of October 8, 2003 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is referred to Technology Center AU 3623.

  
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